

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Application in light of the Office Action dated April 12, 2007. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 2-7, 9-12, and 30-41 were pending. Claims 1 and 8 were previously canceled. The Examiner rejects Claims 2-5, 10-12, 30-32, and 37-41. Claims 6, 7, 9, and 33-36 are objected to. Applicant amends Claims 7, 9, 30, 33-37, and 40 and cancels Claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant's amendments and cancellations have been done to advance prosecution of this case and not to overcome the cited reference. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and favorable action in this case.

Section 102 Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 2-5, 10-12, 30-32, and 37-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,922,774 issued to Meushaw et al. (hereinafter "*Meushaw*"). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection of the above-mentioned claims. "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987); M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Applicant incorporates the limitations of objected to Claim 6 into independent Claims 30, 37, and 40. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of independent Claims 30, 37, and 40 along with their dependents.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 6, 7, 9, and 33-36 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. *Office Action*, p. 5. As discussed above, Applicant incorporates the limitations of objected to Claim 6 into independent Claims 30, 37, and 40 and cancel Claim 6. Claims 7 and 9 are dependent claims of allowable, independent Claim 40, and Claims 33-36 are dependent claims of allowable, independent Claim 30.

Accordingly, all of the pending claims have been shown to be allowable, and Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

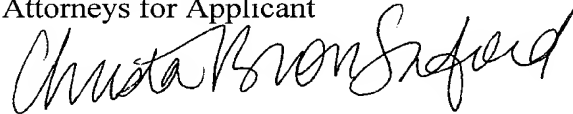
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant believes no fee is due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to advance prosecution of this application, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact its attorney, Christa Brown-Sanford, at (214) 953-6824.

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